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APPLICANTS: ERWIN FERTIG *ET AL.* ART UNIT: 2128

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PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

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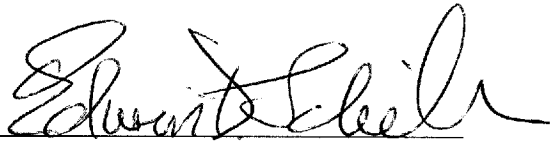
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until April 20, 2009, in which to file a *Request for Continued Examination* and *Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action* to the final Office Action, dated October 20, 2008, for the above-identified patent application. The shortened-statutory

period for response expired on January 20, 2009. The requisite fee of \$555.00 (small entity) is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

Respectfully submitted,

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